

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minutes of board meeting, 13 December 2001, Rustlers, Royal Block, Plummer Avenue, Royal Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Road, Ascot Vale

PRESENT: David Griffiths, N. Black, P. Jamieson, John Luckman and Graeme Charles

GUEST: Tony O'Shea

APOLOGIES: Val Ogier and Chris Greenwood

Budget

The Chairman noted there was a need to revise the budget to enable a break-even for 2001-02 and that this would involve cutting expenditure.

Co-operative Development Services

It was noted that the Co-operative Development Services resolution had been comprehensively defeated 16/3 and that the CDS candidate had not been elected to the board.

There was discussion on whether or not CDS would ever agree to and accept independent mediation/arbitration/investigation and what constituted independent.

Executive Officer

The Executive Officer foreshadowed his intention to resign. He summarized the issues as including:

- The personal need to increase his income.
- The limited capacity of the Federation to pay an adequate level of remuneration.
- The need for the Federation to further cut its expenditure.
- His pessimistic expectations of the Federation's development.
- The attitude and approach of Co-operative Development Services and its delegate to himself.
- The 'bottomless pit' nature of the role of Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer agreed that even if he stood down as Executive Officer he would be willing to become involved in co-operative education and director training projects.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Executive Officer would develop a funding request to foundations to seek funding support for the Executive Officer for a three year period based on planned funding self-sufficiency and that they would discuss the logistics of the Chairman/Secretary assuming full responsibility for financial statements and correspondence.

It was also agreed that the funding request would be circulated to directors for ratification and, if required by directors, for consideration at a board meeting.

The Chairman noted that it may be necessary to change the registered office. He noted that fax information on the business cards and letterheads was no longer accurate but that a reprint was not advisable unless the registered office moved to a more permanent address and because of the uncertainty regarding the Executive Officer.

Chairman

It was noted that the Chairman would continue as Chairman at the moment.

The Chairman suggested that if as Secretary he took on additional secretarial roles, such as correspondence and financial statements, then, he should step down as Chairman.

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